

I am Steven E. Knoop - a Resident and Trustee of Barrington Hills

I live at 32 Otis Road in Barrington Hills approximately next to the EJ&E low volume tracks.

Water and waterway passage are critical as we are a semi-rural community..... utilizing well and septic systems for our utilities.

My family comprises of 4 childrenand along with three immediate neighbors have 14 children in the immediate surroundings along the tracks.

We are **sensitive sight receptors**

We will be effected by:

- Noise
- Vibration – and unit train vibration
- Water way contamination
- Less secure surroundings

Additionally, we will be excluded from delivery of:

- Health care services – the hospital is on the other side of the tracks
- Fire Department Services – our primary service provider is on the other side of the tracks with the necessary equipment to handle a community without fire hydrants
- Safely accessing the educational services such as our high school

As residents, we and the community depend on Fling Creek for appropriate water drainage which the EJ&E borders – possible water contamination is a critical concern especially for those depending on well and septic systems

In the Barrington Hills area, the EJ&E also has no service road access in case of an emergency

The EJ&E also effects are natural water resources and habitat of the Spring Creek Forest Preserve which borders this line

All in all this line has a potential large scale detrimental impact on environment and conservation design principals which this community lives by and is outlined specifically in the Village of Barrington Hills Comprehensive Plan as delivered to this Board today – January 9, 2008